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National Tribal Air Association

NTAA Weekly Update

*Week of September 5th –
September 9th, 2016*

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TOP STORIES

You are invited to NTAA's first call of the new NTAA Work Group on the VW Settlement for Tribes on Thursday, September 15th at 2pm ET. NTAA is hoping Tribal volunteers will start working to make sure this historic \$50 million settlement is fair and workable for Tribes. If you are interesting in joining the NTAA Work Group on the VW Settlement, please contact andy.bessler@nau.edu.

NBC News - [Company Agrees to Halt N. Dakota Pipeline Work until Friday](#)

Washington Post - [Showdown over oil pipeline becomes a national movement for Native Americans](#)

HEADLINES

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

Time - [Toxic Air Pollution Can Penetrate the Brain: Study](#)

The Denver Post - [Ozone smog from domestic oil and gas boom blamed for 750k child asthma attacks](#)

Environmental Health News - [Michigan proposes approval for controversial Upper Peninsula mine near sacred tribal sites](#)

Indianz.com - [Spokane Tribe goes ahead with powwow as fire recovery continues](#)

Hypoallergenic - [Converting Air Pollution into Inks and Pigments for Artists](#)

National Association of Clean Air Agencies - [Washington Update](#)

Climate Change/Energy

USA Today - [Oklahoma quake prompts shutdown of gas-linked wells](#)

MSNBC - [The protests at Standing Rock](#)

Inside Science News - California Grasslands Grow Less, Not More, Under Climate Change

Yes! Magazine - Threat of Salmon Extinction Turns Small Tribe into Climate Researchers

The Guardian - Breakthrough as US and China agree to ratify Paris climate deal

The New York Times - Flooding of Coast, Caused by Global Warming, Has Already Begun

Reuters - Funds leader BlackRock calls on investors to assess climate change impact

The Guardian - Nasa: Earth is warming at a pace 'unprecedented in 1,000 years'

Reuters - U.S. companies tout climate policies, fund climate skeptics

KQED - Why Climate Change Could Mean More Explosive Southern California Fires

FiveThirtyEight - [We Haven't Seen Many Storms Like Hermine](#)

Climate Central - [Federal Rule Set to Speed Renewables on Public Lands](#)

Inside Climate News - [Tackling Food Waste as a Way to Save the Climate, Too](#)

Inside Climate News - [Fish Deaths in Montana's Yellowstone River Tied to Warming Waters](#)

Toxics/Mobile Sources

Utah Public Radio - [Citing Spills, The Nuclear Regulatory Commission Halts Uranium Waste Shipments to SE Utah](#)

Arizona Public Media - [\\$85M Allotted for Navajo Uranium Mine Cleanup](#)

U.S. EPA - [EPA adds Bonita Peak Mining District Site in San Juan County, Colo. to Superfund List](#)

M Live - [Michigan's first gold mine in decades gets tentative permit approval](#)

Reuters - [China, US and Europe pledge support for global aviation emissions pact](#)

Indoor Air Quality

Science Daily - Having children at home did not prompt parents to test for radon, secondhand smoke

Photo from the field



#NoDAPL resisters in North Dakota. Photo by Sacred Stone Camp

UPCOMING CALLS/EVENTS

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA

NTAA has released a [Policy Response Kit for the EPA's Clean Energy Incentive Program \(CEIP\)](#). The CEIP kit can be found on NTAA's website, and includes a fact sheet and template letter that Tribes can use to submit comments. **The CEIP comment period has been extended, comments are now due to the EPA by November 1st, 2016.**

Spread the word about EPA's Smart City Air Challenge – big data in communities!

EPA is conducting the [Smart City Air Challenge](#), which encourages communities to deploy hundreds of air quality sensors and make the resulting data open. Local governments will partner with sensor manufacturers, data management companies and others. Together they'll create strategies for collecting and using the data. EPA will award prizes of up to \$40,000 to two communities based on their strategies, including their plans to share their data management methods so others can benefit. The prizes are intended to be seed money, so the partnerships are essential. After a year, EPA will evaluate the accomplishments and collaboration of the two communities and award up to an additional \$10,000 to each community. The challenge is open until October 28. Please spread the word. For more information, visit the [Smart City Air Challenge](#) website or write smartcityairchallenge@epa.gov.

The U.S. EPA Administrator signed on Monday, August 15, 2016, the Proposed Revisions to the Petition Provisions of the Title V Permitting Program.

EPA is proposing revisions to the title V operating permit regulations aimed at increasing stakeholder understanding of the title V petition process and ensuring consistent presentation of critical information. The

proposed revisions would provide direction for submitting title V petitions, including encouraging the use of an electronic submittal system. In addition, the proposal requires mandatory content and format for title V petitions, and also would require permitting authorities to respond in writing to significant comments received during the public comment period on draft title V permits. EPA will accept comment on this proposed rule for 60 days after it is published in the Federal Register.

A fact sheet and a [prepublication](#) version of the notice are [available here](#). **WEBINAR DETAILS (NEW DATES):** Title V Petitions Process (EJ Communities/Tribes) on Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at 1:00PM – 2:30PM ET. You can view the [webinar here](#).

In anticipation of the upcoming release of revisions to the Exceptional Events Rule and the final Wildfire/Ozone Exceptional Events Implementation Guidance, we are announcing two Exceptional Events Implementation Workshops to be held in November of 2016. The workshop dates are November 8 in Denver, CO (western state focus) and November 30 in Dallas, TX. The purpose of the workshops is to:

- ☐ Provide an overview of the Exceptional Events Rule revisions with a focus on scope and process changes
- ☐ Discuss the application of the rule revisions and implementation guidance to select event and pollutant combinations
- ☐ Foster a collegial environment for shared goals and objectives, including effective implementation of the revised Exceptional Events Rule

The intended audience is Federal, state, local and tribal air and land management agency staff with responsibility for developing, submitting and reviewing exceptional events demonstrations. Please share this information with your state, local and tribal air agencies.

The attached document contains an agenda and information on logistics for both meetings. To register for either workshop, please contact Liz Etchells at etchells.elizabeth@epa.gov by October 10, 2016, and provide the workshop date of interest, your name, agency, phone number and address.

Draft Ozone and PM2.5 SILs Guidance (and supporting document) available for public review and comment.

The U.S. EPA is making available for public comment draft guidance and supporting documents recommending Significant Impact levels (SILs) for ozone and fine particle pollution that may be used in the Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) permitting program. SILs have been used in the PSD permitting process for many years to help determine whether proposed construction may be authorized in a Clean Air Act permit. The EPA will accept public comment on the draft guidance and supporting documents through **September 30, 2016**.

The draft guidance with supporting documents and a link for submitting comments is available at: <https://www.epa.gov/nsr/forms/significant-impact-levels-ozone-and-fine-particles-prevention-significant-deterioration>.

U.S. EPA's updated the Air Trends website: <https://www.epa.gov/air-trends>. It includes an application that allows users to explore air quality trends interactively with our new Trends Report – Our Nation's Air: Status and Trends Through 2015. Here's the direct link to the application: <https://gispub.epa.gov/air/trendsreport/2016/>.

The White House - [President Obama Announces 2016 White House Tribal Nations Conference](#)

The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals' (ITEP's) [Tribes and Climate Change Calendar](#) includes conferences, trainings, webinars and other events related to tribes and climate change. [Click here](#) for ITEP's other trainings and events. [Click here](#) for ITEP's new Tribal Environmental Management and Planning Online Courses. New courses have been added, so check it out!

ITEP's 2016 AIAQTP Course Schedule

ITEP's American Indian Air Quality Training Program Course Calendar:

| Course Title | Dates | Location |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| | 2016 | |
| Fundamentals of Air Monitoring (for lower 48) | September 13-15 | TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV |
| Introduction to Tribal Air Quality | September 27-30 | Flagstaff, AZ |
| Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) in Tribal Communities | November 15-17 | TBD - Lower 48 |
| Air Quality and IAQ in Alaska | December 6-9 | Kotzebue, AK |
| Project Planning, QAPPs, and Grants for Alaska | December 13-16 | Anchorage, AK |
| | 2017 | |
| Air Quality Computations | January 23-27 | Phoenix, AZ |
| Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Diagnostic Tools (for lower 48) | February 7-10 | TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV |
| Air Quality and IAQ in Alaska | March 7-10 | Koyukuk, AK |
| Air Pollution Technology | March 13-17 | Flagstaff, AZ |
| Fundamentals of Air Monitoring (for lower 48) | April 4-6 | TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV |
| Management of Tribal Air Programs and Grants | April 25-28 | Lawrence, KS |
| Introduction to Tribal Air Quality | June 6-9 | Flagstaff, AZ |
| Clean Air Act & Permitting | TBD | TBD |

Note: This schedule is subject to change. [Click here](#) for up-to-date information, course descriptions, and applications. If you have questions regarding the pre-requisites or your eligibility for this course, please contact Patricia Ellsworth, Air Quality Curriculum Coordinator, at Patricia.Ellsworth@nau.edu or phone 928-523-6721. For more information, please visit [ITEP's website](#).

The Nez Perce Tribe received an EPA Grant to facilitate the development

of a National Tribal Mining Workgroup (NTMW) with the objective of developing a curriculum and technical presentations for a three (3) day **"MINING LIFECYCLE: TRIBAL ENGAGEMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY training"** to be held in Phoenix, AZ on **November 2-4, 2016** for approximately 75+ attendees from various tribes, government, and public and private organizations. The NTMW includes tribal members, EPA staff across multiple EPA Regions, private industry experts, and other stakeholders as identified. [Click here to register.](#)

Indoor Air Quality

The Region 9 Tribal Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) and Health Network brings you ***Addressing Environmentally-Triggered Asthma in Tribal Communities***, a webinar on **Tuesday, Sep 20, 2016 at 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM PDT**. ☐☐ Please use the following link to register:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/401444166205521924>

The webinar is a collaboration between US EPA Region 9 and the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP). Experienced presenters will share their knowledge about doing successful IAQ outreach in the tribal communities they serve. At the end of the webinar, participants will have an opportunity to ask presenters questions.

Participants will learn about:

- ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐ asthma basics, including environmental triggers
- ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐ how medical and environmental professionals can make a positive impact together
- ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐ the importance of partnerships in addressing asthma
- ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐ successful efforts to manage environmental asthma triggers in tribal communities☐

Presenters:

- Philip Harber, MD MPH, Professor of Public Health, University of Arizona

- Taylor Smoke, Air Quality Technician, St. Regis Mohawk Tribe Environment Division

- Jeremy Phillips, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

Facilitator: Mansel Nelson, Program Coordinator at ITEP

Questions about this webinar?

Please contact Priyanka Pathak (pathak.priyanka@epa.gov) or Mansel Nelson (mansel.nelson@nau.edu).

NTAA has re-opened the Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Needs Assessment for Indian Country! The NTAA IAQ Work Group has re-opened the IAQ Needs Assessment in hopes that more Tribes will complete the [on-line form found here](#)! In re-opening the IAQ needs assessment, NTAA hopes Tribes who have not previously completed this online form will do so now thus helping Tribal and Federal governmental leaders understand the extent of IAQ needs in Tribal communities. The IAQ Needs Assessment will remain open until **January 30th, 2017**. Please allow at least an hour to complete the IAQ Needs Assessment. For more information on the NTAA IAQ work group that created this needs assessment, please visit NTAA's [website here](#).

Please allocate at least 60 minutes to answer all the questions. When you are finished, simply click on the "submit" button at the end of the survey to ensure your answers are properly counted.

U.S. HUD's Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) Code Talk:

Codetalk Homepage:

- [National Tribal Air Association \(NTAA\) has re-opened the NTAA](#)

National Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Needs Assessment for Indian Country Reminder

Radon Fundamentals Online Course is Now Available!

As part of the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals' (ITEP) new online training courses, **Radon Fundamentals** has just been added! This online course has been developed to provide Tribes with:

- an introduction to the mechanics of radon,
- examples of how Tribes are addressing radon, and
- possible funding opportunities.

This course does not provide certification for radon measurement or mitigation. The presentations in this course were originally developed as webinars in February and March 2016 in collaboration with US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 9 Tribal Indoor Air Quality and Health Network and staff from Spokane Tribe Department of Natural Resources, Navajo Nation EPA, Taos Pueblo Tribal Housing Office, University of Alaska Fairbanks, and the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This online course is equivalent to 0.7 continuing education units (CEUs) and requires approximately seven hours of total learning time.

You can access this course at your convenience by creating a free user account. Start now by visiting [Create!](#) After setting up your own unique login and password, you can enroll in and access ITEP's online courses at any time. Courses currently available include:

- Radon Fundamentals (0.7 CEUs)
- Quality Assurance Fundamentals (1.2 CEUs)
- Building Performance: Improving Energy Efficiency and IAQ in Alaska (0.8 CEUs)
- Introduction to Brownfields (0.4 CEUs)

Other benefits of these online courses include: returning to work on current courses where you left off, connecting with other environmental tribal professionals through discussion forums, and accessing resources, videos, and certificates from previously completed courses. These online courses contain assignments, activities, quizzes, videos, tribal examples, discussion forms, and additional resources. While they are self-paced, each course provides the opportunity for individual interaction with subject matter experts.

View available online courses here: [Access ITEP's Online Courses](http://itep.scholarlms.com/courses/) <http://itep.scholarlms.com/courses/>

Interactive Mold House Tour

Get a quick glimpse of some of the most important ways to protect your home from mold by touring the Mold House. Room-by-room, you'll learn about common mold issues and how to address them. A [text version of the Mold House Tour](#) is also available.

Toxics/Mobile Sources

U.S. EPA Draft Stakeholder Engagement and Capacity Building Tools Port and Near-Port Community Collaboration

EPA has collaboratively developed three draft tools to support effective stakeholder engagement between near-port communities and port facilities. Please review the draft tools and provide your feedback. The links below provide an overview and include access to the draft tools, ways to provide public comments, and how to apply to be a pilot location. EPA's Near-Port Community Capacity Building Project supports goals of:

- ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Environment related health improvements for communities affected by ports and associated goods movement facilities and, ☐
- ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Environmental performance improvements at ports by providing

industry and community stakeholders with information, skills and guidance to effectively develop and implement collaborative actions that reduce environmental pollution. □

Draft Ports Primer for Communities: An Overview of Ports Planning and Operations to Support Community Participation □ [Click here](#) An interactive tool and reference document that characterizes the port industry sector including environmental and community health impacts associated with port activities. □

Draft Community Action Roadmap: Empowering Near- Port Communities □ [Click here](#) An implementation companion for the Ports Primer for Communities that provides a step-by-step process for building capacity and preparing community stakeholders.

Save the date! November 2-3, 2016, for a training on **Mining Lifecycle: Tribal Engagement and Environmental Responsibility** developed by EPA headquarters and regional offices (5, 8, 9 and 10) and tribal representatives on the [National Tribal Mining Workgroup](#). The training will take place in the Phoenix area, AZ. Detailed location and agenda information will be distributed and can be found on <http://www.ntmw.org/>.

RESOURCES

Now Hiring!

The Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians are hiring for the position of Environmental Specialist II (ES II). The position is responsible for carrying out the objectives of the Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians Tribal Environmental Protection Department. Other duties include: supervising contract work related to various grant projects, conducting environmental surveys and assessments, supervising field activities, monitoring conditions of tribal natural resources, working closely with contractors and other governmental agencies for the protection of tribal

resources and the health of the tribal membership, and providing assistance to other tribal entities. Participates in all aspects of the physical work at restoration sites, and surface water testing; Responsible for supervision and training of field and Summer Youth Program staff. Maintains the confidentiality of all privileged information of the Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians. Conducts themselves in a professional manner at all times. This position is grant dependent. At this time it will run through the end of September 2017. Duties may vary in the future if new grants are acquired with different duties. To apply, please [visit this website](#).

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe is hiring for two positions:

Air Quality Specialist ~ Division of Resource Management ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 16-091

Summary: Expands and enhances the Air Quality Program. Implements the 105 Air Grant, Tribal Radon Grant and others as acquired to: develop administrative capacity, administer work plans/budgets, ambient and indoor air quality, monitoring and analysis, emissions inventories, QAPPs, participate in local, regional and national workgroups, and assist the Environmental Deputy Director with state and federal policy and permits, engage Tribal Members in projects for sustainability/resilience/air quality, provide education and outreach, all to assist with the highest air quality for Tribal Members. Education/Experience: B.S. (Bachelors) degree in air quality, biology, geology, chemistry, physics, environmental or related studies is required. M.S. (Masters) in the sciences as stated above or two years related air quality work is preferred. Duties/Responsibilities: Manage and administer the Tribal Air Program and other related projects. Develop and maintain monitoring projects for: PM 2.5, meteorological and mercury with others as identified. Past projects include: small sensors, dioxins and toxics. Investigate and identify monitoring needs and data gaps. Promote and represent Leech Lake locally, regionally and nationally with respect to the LLAP and projects. Establish, maintain and expand communications with Federal, State, Local and other Tribal Government officials. Open until filled.

Environmental Specialist ~ Division of Resource Management ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 16-090

Summary: Preserve Tribal Sovereignty through enforcement of LLBO Hazardous Substances Control Act (HSCA). Administer Brownsfield Response Program (BRP) guidelines. Assist Brownsfield manager in daily operations of the Brownsfield, Underground Storage Tank (UST) and Superfund programs. Education/Experience: Bachelor's degree in Environmental Science or related field. Duties/Responsibilities: Various duties for the BRP, UST and Superfund duties; including, but not limited to; Enhancing the four elements, maintenance of the public record, responding to community members concerns regarding environmental issues, implementing day to day operations in accordance with the UST grant work and budget and providing oversight on superfund projects. Open until filled. For both positions, please submit Cover Letter, Resume, Credentials, 3 Letters of Reference, and Transcripts for positions requiring any Degree above High School Diploma or General Education Diploma Interested parties may come into the Human Resources office to fill out an application or they can download an application from our website at www.llojibwe.org and may drop off or mail documents to: Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe – HR – 190 Sailstar Dr NW. - Cass Lake, MN 56633; Fax documents to: 1-218-335-3697; email documents to: kelly.losch@llbo.org.

LLBO Policy: HR must receive your application and/or documents before or no later than 4:30 p.m. on the date the position is scheduled to close to be considered for a position. Call 218-335-3698 or toll free 1-800-631-5528 for more information. All positions require a LLBO application Applications are accepted only for positions posted and assigned a job code. COPY OF DRIVERS LICENSE IS REQUIRED FOR POSITIONS REQUIRING A MVR. APPLICATIONS WILL BE VOID IF: Application is not signed or required forms are not submitted by closing date. Re-advertised positions will require a newly submitted application with required forms.

The Forest County Potawatomi Community is hiring a Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) for the Tribal Historic Preservation Office, whose mission is to preserve, protect, and manage cultural resources, historic properties, and other culturally significant sites. This position develops, manages, and implements historic preservation programs for the Forest County Potawatomi Community (FCPC). [Click here for more information.](#)

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA

U.S. EPA - Tribal Air Quality Monitor Study

EPA has a new website online that identifies the various types of monitor networks operating within and near tribal areas in Indian Country. This study was conducted by the Office of Air and Radiation (OAR) with special assistance from the Tribal Air Monitoring Support (TAMS) center in July 2015. The maps and data serve as tools to assess the air monitoring network on or near tribal areas for potential resource prioritization efforts by monitoring programs.

Data sources of monitor networks were exported from the EPA's AirData website, featured to the right, AirNow-Tech and CASTNET. Monitors shown are those active as of July 2015. You can view an interactive map [here](#).

EPA's Public Engagement Highlights is a weekly e-newsletter produced by EPA's Office of Public Engagement which summarizes some of the latest important Agency actions. It's where you can learn about various ways you can engage with EPA and find the Agency's latest blog posts, videos, and additional resources.

Signing up for the e-newsletter is easy! Just visit the [EPA Public Engagement Highlights](#) website where the most recent editions are available and enter your email in the e-newsletter sign up box located on the upper right. The resulting New Subscriber page will list all available EPA Topics, with "Public Engagement Highlights Newsletter" checked towards the bottom of the page. When setting up your profile, you can select additional subscription topics offered by EPA. You can always unsubscribe at any time.

Climate Change/Energy

ITEP's Tribal Climate Change Newsletter: This monthly newsletter provides news items, resources, announcements about funding opportunities, conferences, and training, and other information relevant to tribal climate change issues.

EPA releases new state fact sheets on climate change

EPA published a series of fact sheets, "What Climate Change Means for Your State," that focus on the impacts of climate change in each of the 50 states and the territories of Guam and Puerto Rico. These 52 fact sheets compile information from previously published synthesis and assessment reports to provide a handy reference for state and local policymakers, businesses, and individuals who are looking to communicate impacts of climate change in a given state. Fact sheets on the Virgin Islands and the District of Columbia will be coming soon.

Climate Signals is a science-based platform for cataloging and mapping the impacts of climate change. Currently in open-beta release, the platform is designed to identify the chain of connections between greenhouse gas emissions and individual climate events.

Climate Signals consists of a curated relational database of events and their links to climate change, a mapping engine, and a gallery of climate change monitors offering real-time data. For each event in the database, an infographic engine provides a custom "tree" that illustrates the connections to climate change. The system of attribution used to link events to climate change is explained [here](#). In addition, links to key resources are aggregated and curated for each event. This open-beta release is offered for public user testing and engagement.

Alaska Voices on Climate (U.S. EPA)

The EPA is seeking videos on the impact of climate on Alaska today and the work that is being done to ensure a healthy environment for future

generations. Submission of videos should address how climate change has affected your community, what your community is doing to adapt, and what lessons you can share to help other communities to become more resilient. To learn more, [please click here](#).

From Icefield to Ocean (USGS): This poster by Shad O'Neel (USGS Alaska Science Center), Kristin Timm (University of Alaska Fairbanks), and Eran Hood (University of Alaska Southeast) received the 2015 Eugene M. Shoemaker Communication Award, which depicts the important linkages between glaciers and the ocean. The team felt that it was particularly important to find a compelling way to communicate these research findings to Alaskans because Alaska's coastal glaciers are among the most rapidly changing areas on the planet and glacier runoff can influence marine habitats, ocean currents and economic activities.

Indoor Air Quality

EPA hosted a webinar on May 11, 2016, *Knowledge in the Air: The Impact of Green Buildings on Cognitive Function*. More than 800 people attended this webinar, demonstrating just how attractive the topic of green buildings remains. The Harvard University team, led by Dr. Joseph Allen, presented new and important information on their indoor air quality (IAQ) research findings. They discussed the positive impact a green building can have on the cognitive functioning and decision-making performance of occupants.

A presentation video, slides and answers to questions posed during the live webinar session can be accessed [here](#).

Good IAQ in homes, schools and buildings is essential for our health, productivity and well-being. Research based in sound science, like the research conducted by Dr. Allen and his team, provides impetus to the movement to understand and enhance IAQ practices that improve the health of building occupants. To learn more, visit www.epa.gov/indoor-air-quality-iaq.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA

The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) announces the FY2017 ANTHC Air Quality Sub-Award Request for Proposals (RFP). Please submit your completed Sub-Award applications to either AJ Salkoski (ajsalkoski@anthc.org) or Lacey Walsh (lmwalsh@anthc.org). Applications can also be submitted via fax at (907) 729-4044 c/o AJ Salkoski.

These grants are competitive and unfortunately not everyone who applies will be awarded. If you have any questions about grant ideas, eligibility, or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Lacey Walsh at (907) 729-5609 or AJ Salkoski at (907) 729-4518. For more information, visit the [ANTHC Tribal Air Quality Program](#).

U.S. EPA Air Grants and Funding:

EPA's Office of Air and Radiation (OAR) announces competitive funding announcements for projects and programs relating to [air quality](#), [transportation](#), [climate change](#), [indoor air](#) and other related topics. Organizations that can apply (eligible entities) are typically based on the funding announcements' [authorizing statute](#) and [catalog of federal domestic assistance \(CFDA\)](#). **[This page](#)** provides access to information about current funding opportunities under 'Open Announcements' and also provides as a reference tool, all previously announced funding announcements listed below and in archives under 'Closed Announcements'.

More than \$889 million in funding and technical assistance is

available for state, local, and tribal governments from the Department of Transportation (DOT), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Department of Energy (DOE), Federal Transportation Authority (FTA), Federal Emergency Management Authority (FEMA), Center for Disease Control (CDC), Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), and Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) that can be used to support climate and energy initiatives, including economic development, sustainable communities, green infrastructure, and water efficiency. For full eligibility and application details, please visit the links provided below. **In addition, please visit the [calendar of 2016 EPA grant opportunities](#) that may be of particular interest to Tribal communities.**

Performance Partnership Pilots for Disconnected Youth

Details at <http://youth.gov/youth-topics/reconnecting-youth/performance-partnership-pilots>

Notice Inviting Applications:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2016/08/15/2016-19294/applications-for-new-awards-performance-partnership-pilots>

Applications due October 31, 2016

Funding Opportunity Number: ED-GRANTS-081516-001

Estimated Total Program Funding: \$2,000,000

Performance Partnership Pilots for Disconnected Youth offer a unique opportunity to test innovative, cost-effective, and outcome-focused strategies for improving results for disconnected youth. Pilot sites will commit to achieve significant improvements for disconnected youth in educational, employment, and other key outcomes. For P3, statute defines disconnected youth as individuals between the ages of 14 and 24 who are low income and either homeless, in foster care, involved in the juvenile justice system, unemployed, or not enrolled in or at risk of dropping out of an educational institution. A webinar for prospective applicants will be held on August 25, 2016 from 2 to 3:30 pm EDT, register at <http://youth.gov/youth-topics/reconnecting-youth/performance-partnership-pilots/round-3-bidders-conference-registration>

Climate Change/Energy

DOE Announces the Availability of \$3 Million in Funding for Tribes

**Details at the Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy (EERE)
Exchange website <https://eere-exchange.energy.gov/>**

Applications due October 20, 2016

Funding Opportunity Number: DE-FOA-0001621

Funding Amount: \$50,000 - \$250,000

DOE's Office of Indian Energy is soliciting applications from Indian Tribes (including Alaska Native Regional Corporations and Village Corporations) and Tribal Energy Resource Development Organizations to:

- Conduct energy options analyses;
- Establish baseline energy use and efficiency options;
- Develop energy organizations;
- Conduct climate resiliency planning;
- Establish policy, regulations, and codes to reduce energy use or promote energy development; and,
- Obtain skills and training related to energy use and development.

The Office of Indian Energy is hosting an informational webinar on eligibility, application, and cost share requirements; the selection process; and more on Sept. 6, 2016, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time. [Register for the webinar!](#)

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Indian Energy has posted a Notice of Intent to issue a funding opportunity announcement (FOA) entitled **“First Steps Toward Developing Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency on Tribal Lands – 2016”** in August or September. Part of a comprehensive strategy for maximizing the development and deployment of energy solutions for the benefit of American Indians and Alaska Natives, the planned FOA will complement the [technical assistance](#) the Office of Indian Energy offers by providing funding to help tribal communities develop and sustain strategic energy solutions.

Download the [Notice of Intent](#).

U.S. EPA's State and Local Climate and Energy Newsletter includes a [calendar of 2016 EPA grant opportunities](#) that may be of particular interest to Tribal communities.

New Energy Efficiency Competition to Assist Remote Alaskan Communities with Energy Challenges

The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE's) Office of Indian Energy and Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) issued a Notice of Technical Assistance (NOTA) to significantly accelerate efforts by remote Alaskan communities to adopt sustainable energy strategies. The Remote Alaskan Communities Energy Efficiency Competition will empower Alaskan communities and Alaska Native villages to develop effective tools to advance the use of reliable, affordable, and energy efficient solutions that are replicable throughout Alaska and other Arctic regions. [Learn more about the competition and how to apply.](#)

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USDA: The FY 2016 Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) Agriculture and Natural Resources Science for Climate Variability and Change Challenge Area Request for Application (RFA) is now available for public viewing. Please review the links below and verify the information is accurate. Please let me know if you have questions or concerns.

NIFA Funding Opportunity Page: <https://nifa.usda.gov/funding-opportunity/agriculture-and-food-research-initiative-agriculture-and-natural-resources>.

Grants.gov Page: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=285990>. This page includes a synopsis of the funding opportunity, a link to the full announcement (RFA) and the application package.

Toxics/Mobile Sources

USDA Seeks Applications for Funding to Help Develop Advanced Biofuels and Biobased Products

You can read the news release [here](#) and details can be found [here](#).

Applications for the first funding cycle are due October 3, 2016.

Applications for the second cycle are due April 3, 2017.

This program assists in the development, construction, and retrofitting of new and emerging technologies for the development of Advanced Biofuels, Renewable Chemicals, and Biobased Product Manufacturing by providing loan guarantees for up to \$250 million. Eligible borrowers include individuals, corporations, federally-recognized tribes, units of state or local government, farm cooperatives and co-op organizations, associations of agricultural producers, national laboratories, and institutions of higher education, rural electric cooperatives, public power entities, or a consortium of any of these borrower types. Entities that receive program financing must provide at least 20 percent of the funding for eligible project costs.

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